

**SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK**  
**Grants Review Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 10:00 am  
Via Webex

**1) WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Grants Review Committee (GRC) was called to order by Committee Chairman Tommy Lavender at 10:00 am on May 26, 2021 at 10am. The meeting took place via WebEx.

**2) ROLL CALL**

Committee members present included Chairman Tommy Lavender (nonvoting), Geordy Johnson, Elliott Close, Richmond Wilhoit Jr., Larry Yonce, Justin Hancock for Duane Parrish, and ex-officio member Mike McShane.

**3) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Lavender opened the floor to anyone who would like to address the Committee. There being none, the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

**4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Chairman Lavender recommended deferring the review of the September 2, 2020 GRC meeting minutes to the following Board Meeting on June 2, 2021 to allow former Committee members that were present to review.

**5) GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Bank staff presented a general overview of the GRC process.

**6) NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANTS**

Chairman Lavender and Bank staff discussed the request from OSI and TNC to sponsor their National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants for the McLeod-Smith Tracts. Chairman Lavender called for a motion to send this matter to the full Board with the recommendation that the Committee approve this sponsorship request. Mr. Close made the motion, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Lavender noted that the Board's approval of sponsoring this application should not be interpreted as an endorsement or guarantee of additional funding from the SC Conservation Bank's Trust Fund. Any request for additional funding from the Bank must work through normal processes.

**7) ADJOURN**

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Close made the motion, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.